UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE NASHVILLE DIVISION

MICHAEL WEBSTER,)
Petitioner,))) NO. 3:16-cv-1979
v.) CHIEF JUDGE CRENSHAW
)
SHAWN PHILLIPS, Warden)
Respondent.)

ORDER

For the reasons set forth in the accompanying Memorandum Opinion, Petitioner Michael Webster's petition for the writ of habeas corpus (ECF No. 1) is **DENIED**, and this matter is **DISMISSED**.

As explained in the Memorandum Opinion, the Court finds that the issues raised in the § 2254 petition do not "deserve encouragement to proceed further." *Miller-El v. Cockrell*, 537 U.S. 322, 327 (2003). The Court therefore **DENIES** a certificate of appealability ("COA"). The petitioner may, however, seek a COA directly from the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. Fed. R. App. P. 22(b)(1).

This is a final order for purposes of Fed. R. Civ. P. 58.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

WAVERLY D. CRENSHAW, JR.

CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE